

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 17-2-21**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 20, 2017

Commission Scheduling Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Commission Business Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

General Introduction: This agenda is the Commission's agenda for the work week designated. In the beginning part of each week prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide website located at <http://psc.mt.gov>.

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Action Items: All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Sandy)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of February 13, 2017.

2. Out-of-State Travel (Will)

Staff requests approval for Joel Tierney, John Torske, and Elizabeth Torske to travel to Coeur d'Alene ID April 10-14, 2017 to attend the Western Region NAPS meeting. Probable Motion: Approve out-of-state travel.

Work Sessions: All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2013.9.71 – Shoshone Condominium Hotel Owners’ Association – In the matter of the Complaint of Shoshone Condominium Hotel Owners Association v. Abaco Energy Services, LLC – Discuss and act on ABACO Energy Services, LLC’s Motion for Extension of Time (2/21/17)
2. D2017.1.5 – TML Construction – In the matter of the Fox Hill Estates Water and Sewer – Discuss and act on TML’s request for standard water and sewer rates. (2/21/17)
3. D2016.12.96 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – In the matter of the Application for Authority to Implement a Tracking Adjustment for Montana State and Local Taxes and Fees – Gas and Electric Utility Service - Discuss and act on MDU’s Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 7533a. (2/21/17)
4. D2016.11.88 – NorthWestern Energy – In the matter of NorthWestern Energy’s Petition for an Accounting Order Authorizing the Deferral of the Expense-Related Portion of the Costs Associated with Phasing in its Natural Gas Transmission Integrity Verification Program. – Discuss and act on Stipulation and Settlement Agreement of NorthWestern Energy and the Montana Consumer Counsel. (2/21/17)
5. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (2/21/17)
6. Overview of railroad inspection activities. (2/21/17)
7. **2/22/17, 2/23/17, and 2/25/17 at 8:30 a.m.** – Legislative - Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (2/23/17, 2/24/17, and 2/25/17 at 8:30 a.m., Bollinger Room – live webcast - not archived)

Other Meetings

Notice Items: All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments, either by mail or hand delivery, to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time via the PSC's public comment email, psc_utilitycomment@mt.gov. A comment form may be downloaded at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Transportation Notice Items: Motor carriers with proper standing may protest applications. Protests related to an application for Class A, B, and E passenger authority is limited to a protest of the motor carrier's ability to meet the requirements of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 69-12-323(5) and 69-12-415. Protests must include the proper fee, as required by Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.402(c), and conform to the requirements at Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.405 or 38.3.406 as applicable. A protest form is available on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov/transportation>. If no written protests are received by the deadline, the Commission may issue a final decision on the application (including a decision by delegation of authority to Commission staff pursuant to established internal operating procedures) without a public hearing, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 69-12-321.

Protective Orders – Notice Items: The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Protective Orders – Information Items: The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to Mont. Admin. R. 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. First Reserve Energy Infrastructure GP II Limited D2016.11.91 (Jennifer)
On February 8 2017, the Commission granted First Reserve Energy Infrastructure GP II Limited's (First Reserve's) Motion for Protective Order seeking protection of information sought by data request PSC-001. The Commission granted protection for certain financial, organizational, and other information regarding the private entities involved in the proposed acquisition of Gas Natural, Inc. (GNI), and the financial analyses conducted by those entities regarding the proposed acquisition.

2. NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a/ NorthWestern Energy D2016.9.68 (Jeremiah)
On February 14, 2017, the Commission granted NorthWestern Energy's (NWE's) Motion for Protective Order seeking protection of information sought by data request PSC-065. The Commission granted protection for certain reports prepared in-house and by outside consultants.
3. NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a/ NorthWestern Energy D2016.9.68 (Jeremiah)
On February 14, 2017, the Commission granted NWE's Motion for Protective Order seeking protection of information sought by data requests LCG-006, and LCG-010. The Commission granted protection for certain forecasted financial information, models, and communication with credit rating agencies.

Information Items: All items identified below are for information only.

New Regulatory Filings Received in Past Week

New Transportation Filings Received in Past Week